

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

national Application No

T/GB2004/003475

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 A61L27/56

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 A61L

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, PAJ, WPI Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 03/026714 A (SMITH TIMOTHY J N ; PUGH SYDNEY M (CA); HENDRY JASON (CA); SMITH REGIN) 3 April 2003 (2003-04-03)	1-8,10, 11,14, 15,19, 20,22, 25,26, 30-34, 36-38
Y	page 13, line 23 - page 18, line 28	12,13, 17,18, 27,28, 35,39,51
X	US 2003/138473 A1 (DYCHALA DAVID ET AL) 24 July 2003 (2003-07-24)	1,2,4-7, 9
Y	paragraph '0246! - paragraph '0267! ----- -/--	35

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- *T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- *X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- *Y* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- * & * document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

3 December 2004

Date of mailing of the international search report

15/12/2004

Name and mailing address of the ISA

European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2
NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk
Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl,
Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016

Authorized officer

Lickel, A

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
T/GB2004/003475

C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	WO 00/20353 A (HING KARIN ANGELA ; ABONETICS LTD (GB); BONFIELD WILLIAM (GB)) 13 April 2000 (2000-04-13) page 12, line 18 - page 13, line 1	12,13, 17,18, 39,51
X	US 6 136 029 A (JOHNSON JAMES R ET AL) 24 October 2000 (2000-10-24) column 2, line 66 - column 5, line 62	14,15, 17,18
X	WO 00/30998 A (ZHANG PING ; CRIMP MELISSA (US); UNIV MICHIGAN (US); DEJARDIN LOIC M () 2 June 2000 (2000-06-02) page 12 - page 13	40-42, 44,45, 48-50 27,28
A	EP 1 329 229 A (BIOVISION GMBH ; FRAUNHOFER GES FORSCHUNG (DE)) 23 July 2003 (2003-07-23) the whole document	1-51

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/GB2004/003475

Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 52-61
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

national Application No

T/GB2004/003475

Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
WO 03026714	A	03-04-2003	WO 03026714 A1 CA 2460026 A1 EP 1429817 A1	03-04-2003 03-04-2003 23-06-2004
US 2003138473	A1	24-07-2003	US 6458162 B1 AU 777400 B2 AU 6619600 A CA 2380598 A1 EP 1210036 A1 JP 2003506193 T NZ 517006 A WO 0112106 A1 ZA 200201046 A	01-10-2002 14-10-2004 13-03-2001 22-02-2001 05-06-2002 18-02-2003 29-08-2003 22-02-2001 06-02-2003
WO 0020353	A	13-04-2000	AT 257813 T AU 6111999 A DE 69914207 D1 DE 69914207 T2 EP 1117626 A1 ES 2214887 T3 WO 0020353 A1 JP 2002526375 T	15-01-2004 26-04-2000 19-02-2004 02-12-2004 25-07-2001 16-09-2004 13-04-2000 20-08-2002
US 6136029	A	24-10-2000	AU 736513 B2 AU 9594198 A CA 2305431 A1 CN 1290181 T DE 69824876 D1 EP 1024840 A1 JP 2001518322 T WO 9916479 A1	26-07-2001 23-04-1999 08-04-1999 04-04-2001 05-08-2004 09-08-2000 16-10-2001 08-04-1999
WO 0030998	A	02-06-2000	AU 1916200 A WO 0030998 A1	13-06-2000 02-06-2000
EP 1329229	A	23-07-2003	DE 10201340 A1 EP 1329229 A1	24-07-2003 23-07-2003